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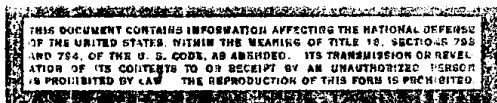
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1. The Institut fuer Holztechnologie und Faserbaustoffe (Institute for Wood Technology and Fiber Building Material), in Dresden, headed by Professor Herbert Flemming has completed a development for plates made of glass fibers. There are two kinds of plates:

- a. Glakresit in which kresol resin is used as binding material;
- b. Glagit in which the binding material is gypsum.

This development is considered to be of **great** economic importance for East Germany as it will enable East German industry to save wood.

2. During a session of the Working Circle for Wood (Arbeitskreis Holz) on 25 June 1954 in Dresden, Professor Herbert Flemming confidentially notified the participants that the Soviets had recently shown great interest in the development and, after having been fully informed about it, had requested the use of these glass fiber plates in the construction of Soviet ships in East Germany. The request specified that this glass fiber material should be exclusively used for Soviet ships wherever possible, from 1 January 1955 on.

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